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BLM SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION DRILLING PROJECT

June 1, 2006 – Winnemucca, Nev. – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca Field Office is seeking public review and comment on a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposal received from Gerlach Green Energy, LLC for a geothermal exploration well drilling project. The proposed geothermal well is located approximately 2 miles north of Gerlach on the east side of the Granite Range in Washoe County. The EA discusses potential impacts that would result from the implementation of this project and identifies resource protection measures that could be implemented to reduce the level of expected impacts. The EA is online at <http://www.nv.blm.gov/Winnemucca/NEPA/default.htm> or can be viewed in hardcopy at the BLM Winnemucca Field Office.

Gerlach Green Energy, LLC proposes to drill one deep geothermal exploration well to a maximum depth of 6,000 feet. The well would be flow tested and monitored to determine the potential for utilizing the geothermal reservoir for possible future power generation. The proposal includes drill pad and access road construction. Approximately 1.75 acres of surface disturbance is expected to occur.

Written comments on the Preliminary EA are encouraged and may be submitted through June 16, 2006 to Delores Cates, BLM Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca NV 89445-2921. Comments can also be submitted by email to NV_WFO_Webmail@blm.gov with “Gerlach Green Energy” in the subject line.

Commenters wishing to have their names or addresses withheld from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act must request this prominently at the beginning of their comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Anonymity is not allowed for submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses. All comments will be analyzed and considered as part of the decision making process.

Additional information is available by contacting Project Lead Delores Cates or Planning and Environmental Coordinator Lynn Ricci at the Winnemucca Field Office at 775-623-1500.